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SUBJECT: VISIT TO THE US OF CHIEF OF STAFF YAR'ADUA AND
COMMISSIONER FOR PETROLEUM RESOURCES BUHARI

1. NIGERIAN EMBASSY PHONED AF/W YESTERDAY TO ADVISE THAT
YAR'ADUA AND BUHARI PLAN TO VISIT US ON OR ABOUT JUNE 30
OR JULY 1. PRIMARY PURPOSE OF VISIT IS TO DISCUSS LNG
POLICY WITH SECRETARY OF ENERGY SCHLESINGER. PURSUANT
TO EMBASSY REQUEST APPOINTMENT WITH DR. SCHLESINGER HAS
BEEN ARRANGED FOR 3 P.M., JUNE 30. EMBASSY HAS BEEN SO
ADVISED.
2. REQUEST EMBASSY CONFIRM YAR'ADUA AND BUHARI TRAVEL
PLANS AND ACCEPTABILITY OF JUNE 30 APPOINTMENT WITH
SCHLESINGER. WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE ANY FURTHER INFORMATION
YOU CAN PROVIDE REGARDING THEIR INTERESTS WHILE IN THE US.
3. FYI: BUHARI WILL ALSO BE IN THE US JUNE 20 TO 23 TO
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HONOR SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT IN NEW YORK. NIGERIAN EMBASSY
HAD PREVIOUSLY REQUESTED THAT WE ARRANGE APPOINTMENT WITH
SECRETARY SCHLESINGER AT THAT TIME BUT HAS NOW INFORMED
US THAT BUHARI WOULD PREFER LATER MEETING IN COMPANY WITH
YAR'ADUA.

DANIEL AND CARTWRIGHT CURRENTLY PLANNING FOR BUHARI TO DE-

LIVER NEW YORK ADDRESS ON JUNE 22. NIGERIAN AMBASSADOR
HAS INFORMED THEM THAT THIS DATE IS ACCEPTABLE.

5. NIGERIAN EMBASSY CONFIRMS GARBA COMING ALSO. CHRISTOPHER

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